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During this quarter, the document entitled “A Guidance Document for Kentucky’s Oil and Gas Operators” received final review and editing. Several copies were printed and provided to interested oil and gas operators by mail, through industry meetings and by the Oil and Gas Division inspectors.

During the final draft reviews of the document, numerous comments were received to expand the document, including sections on Underground Injection Control (UIC), as regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The inclusion of an addendum section for operators of UIC wells will provide needed information for satisfying compliance requirements. The Division made a request for a one-year no-cost extension to complete the addendum section. The request was approved by the United States Department of Energy for the one-year extension.

A formal request was made to the Region IV office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to assist in the development of this addendum section. The Region IV office of the EPA has indicated their willingness to assist with this document. The UIC addendum section will enhance Kentucky operators’ ability to operate in compliance with federal rules and regulations. During the next quarter, their office will be contacted to begin a discussion for development of this new section.